

## PROCLAMATION **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**SEPTEMBER 2011

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery from substance use disorders provide a renewed and improved outlook on life for those who struggle with substance use disorders, their families and friends; and

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery from substance use disorders also enhance the quality of community life; and

WHEREAS, 49,053 North Dakotans needed treatment for a substance use disorder in 2010; and

WHEREAS, national studies show that about one in 10 individuals who needed treatment were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors or community members to have negative opinions of them; and

WHEREAS, resources exist in our communities to increase awareness about how substance use disorders and recovery affect children, families and society, and such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the North Dakota Department of Human Services and the North Dakota addiction recovery community invite all state residents to participate in the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2011, **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

Jack Dalrymple

Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State